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February 6, 2019

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
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Suite B255  
Washington, D.C. 20005

**RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #18-058**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)/Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) dated September 24, 2018, which the Agency received on September 25, 2018. In your request, you seek an electronic copy of all records from January 20, 2017 until the search date containing any of the six (6) listed terms and reflecting communications of political appointees. Moreover, you ask for records describing the collection process for retrieving these responsive documents along with records prepared in connection with processing this request.

For tracking purposes, your request has been assigned **Reference Number FOIA18-058**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence with our office regarding your request.

The Agency has completed its search for and review of the records responsive to your request, and an electronic copy of those records is included on the enclosed thumb drive. Certain information was redacted from the enclosed documents pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 to protect personal privacy interests, and such redactions have been marked as “(b)(6)” on the enclosed documents. No other information was redacted or withheld, and all responsive documents have been provided to you. The enclosed records are provided to you at no charge.

This concludes the Agency’s response to your FOIA request and it is now closed. If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal with the Agency by writing to: Chairperson, Access Appeal Committee, USAGM, suite 3349 330 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20237. Your appeal must be postmarked or transmitted by fax to 202-203-4585 within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

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Finally, you may contact me or the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison at 202-203-4550 or the address listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,



H. David Kotz  
Assistant General Counsel  
Office of the General Counsel  
Freedom of Information and Privacy Act  
Office

## Gwen Bethany

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**From:** Joan Davis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** Massimo Gigli  
**Cc:** David Kotz; Lillian Cheng; Gwen Bethany  
**Subject:** FOIA18-058 (TSI)  
**Attachments:** FOIA18-058\_OGC Request (TSI)\_10032018.doc

Hi Massimo,

This is the last of the two requests we received on **September 24, 2018**. Note - I made a correction to the receipt date. Please see the attached search form for information about the request and detailed processing instructions. Below is a summary of what the requester has specified regarding the search.

- **Search the records of all political appointees (Presidential Appointee with Senate Confirmation (PAS), Presidential Appointee (PA), non-career SES, Schedule C employee or temporary non-career SES appointments, limited term SES appointments, or temporary transitional Schedule C appointments)**
- **records including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype or WhatsApp, telephone call logs, calendar entries/invitations, meeting notices, meeting agenda, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications or other materials**
- **search range for responsive records from January 20, 2017 to the date the search is conducted**

As you know, the law provides only 20 business days for an agency to respond to a FOIA request, so your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Once the search begins, you are required to record the search process (see the attached Document Request Form - DRF). On the DRF form, please indicate employee grade, the records searched and the time it took to complete the search. Please note this form must be filled out if responsive documents are found or no responsive documents found.

For the documents that are located, send all items including the DRF search form to Gwen Bethany at [gbethany@bbg.gov](mailto:gbethany@bbg.gov) and copy (cc) Joan Davis at [jdavis@bbg.gov](mailto:jdavis@bbg.gov) and David Kotz at [dkotz@bbg.gov](mailto:dkotz@bbg.gov) by **Thursday, October 11, 2018**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Joan

JOAN C. DAVIS  
Ethics, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer  
U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)  
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST – SEARCH FORM**  
**BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**FOIA/PA UNIT – Suite 3349**  
**202-203-4550**

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Date Distributed: **10/03/18**  
To Office: **TSI**  
Referred To: **Massimo Gigli**

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**Response Due Date to BBG FOIA/PA UNIT: 10/11/18**

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**Employee Grade**

**Time Spent/Hours**

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SEARCH POC: Nassano 61661 DATE: 11/20/2018



## Gwen Bethany

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**From:** Mikah Meyer (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 3:29 PM  
**To:** John Lansing  
**Subject:** Re: National Parks Series

Hi John,

I just heard the news that VOA management has decided to immediately stop our National Parks collaboration after 56 stories--halfway through my journey sharing America's incredible historical, cultural, and natural stories. I don't know if you're aware of this decision, so wanted to let you know in case it's something you hoped to see to completion.

Many thanks,

Mikah Meyer  
cell: (b) (6)

On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 2:51 PM, John Lansing <[jlansing@bbg.gov](mailto:jlansing@bbg.gov)> wrote:

Hello Mikah,

Congratulations on the great work you are doing with the National Parks series on VOA! (b) (6)  
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Best,

John

**John F. Lansing**

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## Gwen Bethany

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**From:** Julia V. Taboh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:06 PM  
**To:** John Lansing  
**Cc:** Faith Lapidus  
**Subject:** VOA's National Park stories / Mikah Meyer  
**Attachments:** VOA National Park Stories 2015-2017.docx

Dear Mr. Lansing,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Valentine Day party earlier today.

To follow up on our conversation, I thought you would be interested to know that I've been producing a series on the National Park Service, which I began in November 2015, ahead of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please see the attached document for a complete list of stories, with links to both the TV and Web versions.

So far, we've produced about 30 stories, in various versions, giving our viewers and web audience a unique and exclusive look at the NPS and its mission to preserve and protect America's geographic, biological and historical culture for Americans and the world. Our series has included parks of course, but also unique pieces of American history like presidential homes, sacred Native American sites, Civil War battlefields... all places that help tell America's story.

We've done this primarily through the eyes of **Mikah Meyer**, a young traveler whose mission is to visit all the 400+ sites within the NPS over the next few years in one continuous loop. He's been providing us with stunning videos and photos from his experiences and making himself available for weekly (recorded) conversations highlighting his adventures.

In the year or so since we launched the series, based on every metric we have available, mainly from editors and language services, the stories are performing well, both on the web and with the services. According to several Avid editors, we know that at the very least the Persian, Indonesian, Armenian, Turkish, Azerbaijan, Macedonian and Mandarin services have used our stories.

And recently, Chris Decherd of the Khmer service informed us that:

***"VOA Khmer aims -- during the first four months of 2017 -- to translate-write-adapt-and-video-produce all, or nearly all, TV episodes of the 'National Parks Road Trip' series, into the Khmer-language, and send them as a series to one of our most prominent TV affiliate stations in Cambodia, TVK (Television Kampuchea), Cambodian state television... You all have done so much good work with it and on it, during the past nine-plus months."***

The multi-media features live on our Arts and Culture page. Most of our web-vids are getting between 5,000—10,000 views on VOA's Facebook page, with a few hitting much higher numbers, such as Niagara Falls which had 52,000+ hits, and a short video of a lone American bison walking along a road in North Dakota which had 21,000+ hits. A web-vid we produced based on Mikah's visit to Indiana Dunes National Park had a record number of affiliate downloads.

The NPS has also played our stories at some of their events.

All of these facts, we believe, point to the success of this series, which has allowed us to "Tell America's Story" in a way that Amanda and Sandy have asked us to do.



In the coming months, Mikah will be traveling west and plans to visit some of the most famous and iconic places in America... like the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and Yosemite.

Also, the NPS will soon have a new director, who is eager to sit down with me for an interview sometime in late February/early March to discuss the future plans of the NPS.

If we wish to incorporate a 'news value' metric, many of the large swaths of land that the NPS oversees may be opened up to development under a Trump administration. That will make our reporting even more valuable, current and attractive than it already is.

You expressed interest in Mikah Meyer. (b) (6)

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Mikah's *email* is:

TBCMikah (b) (6)

His **website** where your son can read Mikah's latest blogs:

<http://www.tbcmikah.com/>

And Mikah's mobile phone is:

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I hope you agree that continuing our partnership with Mikah and the national parks is a good thing for VOA and our international audience.

Sincerely,

Julie

Julie Taboh  
Feature Reporter  
Central News Division  
Room 1100  
Voice Of America  
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Here is a list of all park-related stories, almost all produced by VOA's Feature reporter Julie Taboh, from November, 2015 through February 09, 2017. (Two of the stories were produced by Feature reporters Jessica Berman\* and June Soh.\*)

1. **American Philanthropist Donates Millions to Restore US Landmarks, Julie Taboh (November 06, 2015) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/american-philanthropist-donates-millions-restore-landmarks/3044753.html>

2. **Stunning IMAX Cinematography Celebrates Natural Wonder of US Parks, Julie Taboh (February 19, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/stunning-imax-cinematography-celebrates-natural-wonder-us-parks/3198574.html>

3. **Botanic Garden Exhibit Highlights US Parks' Flora, June Soh\* (February 25, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/botanic-garden-exhibit-highlights-united-states-parks-flora/3208214.html>

4. **Painting Captures President Lincoln Assassination Aftermath, Julie Taboh (May 03, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/painting-captures-president-lincoln-assassination-aftermath/3311698.html>

5. **Young Adventurer Plans World Record Visit to All US National Park, Julie Taboh (June 11, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/young-adventurer-us-national-parks/3370296.html>

6. **Quilts Honor US National Park Service Centennial, Jessica Berman\* (June 11, 2016) (TV ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/media/video/quilts-honor-us-national-parks-centennial/3371940.html>

7. **Park Service Director Reflects on Decades of Protecting US Treasures, Julie Taboh (July 16, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/national-park-service-director/3420159.html>

8. **Young Adventurer Starts Journey Across America's National Parks, Julie Taboh (July 19, 2016) (WEB ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/national-park-roadtrip-1/3426028.html>

- 9. With Yosemite as Backdrop, Obama Praises National Parks, Julie Taboh (July 21, 2016) (TV ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/media/video/3428432.html>

- 10. Young Adventurer Spends Hot July Along America's Great Lakes, Julie Taboh (July 29, 2016) (WEB and WEB-VID ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/national-park-roadtrip-2/3440272.html>

- 11. In Minnesota Wilderness, Young Traveler feels Native American Presence, Julie Taboh (August 05, 2016) (WEB and WEB-VID ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/national-park-roadtrip-3/3451594.html>

- 12. Basking in the Splendor of a Conservation President's Legacy (August 13, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VID)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-4/3461928.html>

- 13. Renowned Photographer Captures America's Treasures in Stunning Images (August 18, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3470055.html>

- 14. US National Park Service Celebrates Centennial (August 25, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VID)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/us-national-park-service-celebrates-centennial/3480347.html>

- 15. Visiting Sacred Ground in National Park Monuments (August 27, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VIDS)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-5/3482477.html>

- 16. US President's Small-town Roots Helped Shape Values (September 06, 2016) (WEB ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-6/3490130.html>

- 17. Somber Memorial in Lonely Pennsylvania Field Marks 9/11 Terror Attack (September 09, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VIDS)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/mikah-meyer-visits-flight-93-memorial/3497361.html>

- 18. Fun in the Dunes, and Labor History in Chicago (September 10, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VIDS)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-7/3500470.html>



**19. National Park Visits Lead Back to the 1800s (September 16, 2016) (WEB ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-8/3512022.html>

**20. Exploring History near Niagara Falls (September 22, 2016) (WEB AND WEB-VID)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-9/3520662.html>

**21. Parks Traveler Gets Crash Course in US History in New York (September 29, 2016) (WEB ONLY)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-10/3530662.html>

**22. Appalachian Trail Ends at National Parks' Newest Monument (October 03, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-11/3531970.html>

**23. Tradition of Philanthropy Graces National Parks in Maine (October 14, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-12/3550810.html>

**24. US History Comes Alive at National Parks in Boston (October 27, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-13/3568510.html>

**25. A Seaside Escape from the Crush of the City (November 05, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-14/3581004.html>

**26. Crunchy Leaves, Roaring Waterfalls Make for Sensory National Park Experience (November 15, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-15/3596712.html>

**27. Thomas Edison Historic Site Electrifies Parks Traveler (December 01, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-16/3616268.html>

**28. Stunning Creations Commemorate National Parks Centennial (December 20, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/botanic-garden-holiday-display/3642459.html>

**29. Traveler Shares Highlights -- and Lowlights -- of National Parks Adventures (December 20, 2016) (TV/Web)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-2016-yearender/3642119.html>

**30. Millennial Moved by Visits to New York Landmarks (January 06, 2016) (TV/WEB)**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-17/3666115.html>

**31. National Parks Traveler Finds Paradise – and History – in American Caribbean**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-18/3690161.html>

**32. National Park Sites Preserve Artifacts of America's Early Wars**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/national-park-roadtrip-19/3716158.html>

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**From:** Mikah Meyer (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:38 AM  
**To:** John Lansing  
**Subject:** Re: National Parks Series

Hi John,

Following up on our meeting, but noticed Yoruba is no longer with VOA/her email bounced. I'll be back in DC Dec. 23-Jan. 4 if there's a time in there you want to grab a coffee, or I can swing by your office when I'm visiting reporter Julie Taboh.

Mikah

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:35 AM  
**To:** John Lansing  
**Cc:** CEO Office  
**Subject:** FW: National Parks Series

Here's his response, John. Let me know how you wish to proceed.

**From:** Mikah Meyer [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** Yoruba Mitchell <YMitchell@bbg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: National Parks Series

Thanks, Yoruba.

I'm currently on a world record road trip to all of America's 417 national parks, and am not slated to be back in DC until 2019, but if I'm visiting for another reason (which is probably since it's my most recent home), I'll make a note to get in touch and schedule something. Is Mr. Lansing's position a civilian appointment, or is his employment tied to the current administration's dates (through 2020)? Just want to make sure I'm back in time to meet him while he's with BBG..

Mikah

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 9:23 AM, Yoruba Mitchell <[YMitchell@bbg.gov](mailto:YMitchell@bbg.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

Please let me know when you next plan to be in the DC area and I can arrange a meeting. Travel safely.

Best regards,

Yoruba

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**From:** John Lansing  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:26 PM  
**To:** Mikah Meyer (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Yoruba Mitchell <[YMitchell@bbg.gov](mailto:YMitchell@bbg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: National Parks Series

Definitely would love to discuss. Copying my executive assistant Yoruba to connect us looking forward to it!

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Mikah Meyer - Travel Beyond Convention

<http://www.tbcmikah.com/>

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I wish him the best of luck!

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**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 12:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sugawara  
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**From:** Sahar Mohammadi  
**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Amanda Bennett  
**Cc:** Stephen Schiavone; Marta McLellan Ross  
**Subject:** RE: Posts for Thursday

Thank you!

**From:** Amanda Bennett  
**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Sahar Mohammadi <[smohammadi@voanews.com](mailto:smohammadi@voanews.com)>  
**Cc:** Stephen Schiavone <[sschiavone@voanews.com](mailto:sschiavone@voanews.com)>  
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Yes. All good to go.

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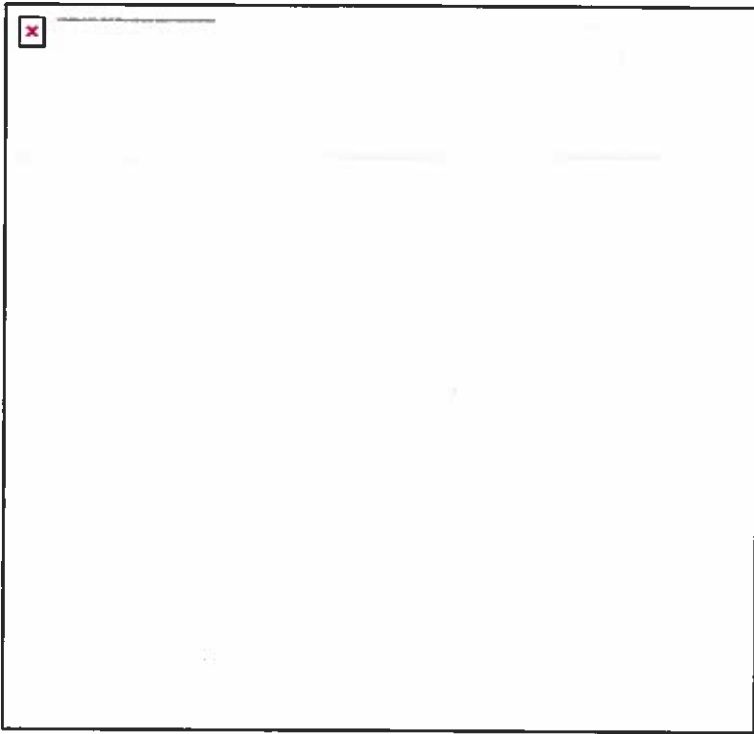
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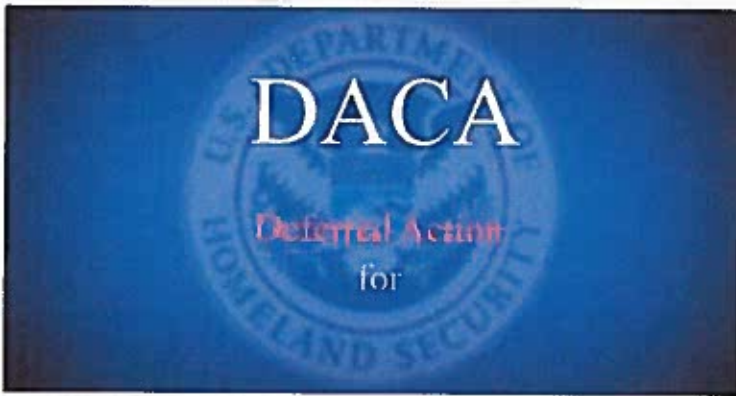
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**From:** Stephanie Tu  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** VOA Social Media  
**Subject:** Some content for social 9/11/2017

Sixteen years ago, the U.S. Department of Defense came under attack. American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon, killing all passengers aboard the plane and 125 people working in the building. VOA Pentagon correspondent Carla Babb spoke with two men forever impacted by the attack. She brings us their story, in their own words, and takes us to the 9-11 Pentagon Memorial, built to honor those lost in a day that forever changed our world.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/pentagon-memorial-stands-as-tribute-16-years-after-terror-attack-/4023508.html>

It's been only 10 years since Apple's late co-founder Steve Jobs presented the first iPhone. Since then, the competition with other companies has evolved into a giant battle of smartphones, each trying to outsmart and outperform the others. Samsung and LG already released their new phones for this year, so expectations for the iPhone 8 are high. VOA's George Putic looks at what features the new version may bring.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/4022446.html>

The White House's decision to repeal DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, carries enormous repercussions for the nearly 800,000 beneficiaries who arrived in the U.S. as children. Over the next two years, more than 700,000 employed recipients will find themselves without a job. And for their employers, laying off a qualified workforce carries not only moral implications, but billions in lost revenue and an overall reduction in U.S. economic growth. VOA's Ramon Taylor reports.

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Thousands of people will gather in New York City, Washington D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Monday (September 11) to remember the nearly 3,000 people killed when hijacked jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. In New York City, a ceremony will take place at the 9/11 Memorial, where mourners gather as they have every year since the attack, for the annual reading of victims' names from both the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the suicide attacks and a U.S.-led war in Afghanistan followed. U.S. forces killed bin Laden in May 2011 in a surprise raid on his hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, ending a nearly 10-year hunt for the al-Qaida leader.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10155131098103074/>

Severely flooded streets and huge gusts of wind and rain were seen in the Brickell area of downtown Miami Sunday. [The vast storm could cause billions of dollars of damage and devastation](#) to parts of the peninsula state that have not seen a major hurricane in a century. Hurricane force winds extended outward 130 kilometers from the eye of the storm and tropical storm gales up to 350 kilometers.

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New fires were burning on Thursday in a Myanmar village that had been abandoned by #Rohingya Muslims. The scenes witnessed by international media intensify doubts about government claims that members of the persecuted minority have been destroying their own homes. Journalists on a government-organized trip saw

the fires on Thursday in Shwe Baho village in northern Rakhine state, from which more than 250,000 Rohingya have fled since violence erupted about two weeks ago. A dozen border police officers accompanied them and closely monitored the journalists' movement during the trip. An ethnic Rakhine villager who emerged from the smoke said police and Rakhine Buddhists had set the fires. The villager ran off before he could be asked anything else.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10155130847398074/>

Supplies and equipment were loaded onto USS Iwo Jima LHD 7, ensuring it's ready to respond to Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10155130800338074/>

A Chilean priest was beaten by four members of a resistance group formed by the indigenous Mapuche, who had entered the Cathedral in the southern Chilean city of Temuco following a protest on Thursday, local media reported. The violent incident came after an unauthorized protest to demand justice for four Mapuche community members, who have been on a hunger strike for 90 days. The members have been accused of arson attacks in southern Chile. Riot police dispersed the protesters with water cannons. Local media reported the priest, who was kicked on the ground, is being treated for his injuries.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10155131543393074/>

American Nicholi Rogatkin won this year's Best Trick contest in the German city of Nuremberg. The 21 year-old produced a stunning 1440 cork move in the jump stage to clinch the win ahead of second placed Emil Johansson who led after the street course. Szymon Godziek, who produced a "Superman one-handed seatgrab" as he performed a backward flip, finished in third.

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An unprecedented surge of more than 250,000 Rohingya has sought refuge in Bangladesh over the past two weeks, the U.N. refugee agency said on Friday, announcing a dramatic jump in the total as new pockets of people fleeing violence in Myanmar are found. The wave of refugees, many sick or wounded, has strained the resources of aid agencies and communities, which are already helping hundreds of thousands displaced by previous waves of violence in Myanmar. Many have no shelter, and aid agencies are racing to provide clean water, sanitation and food.

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A pensioner lost control over his car and repeatedly crashed into a petrol station this week in southern Germany. Police said the 77-year old driver probably confused the accelerator with the brake pedal and the forward and reverse gear. The car's driver was slightly injured and taken to the hospital out of precaution, according to local media. No one else was injured while the damage at the petrol station and to the car came to around 46,000 euros, according to media.

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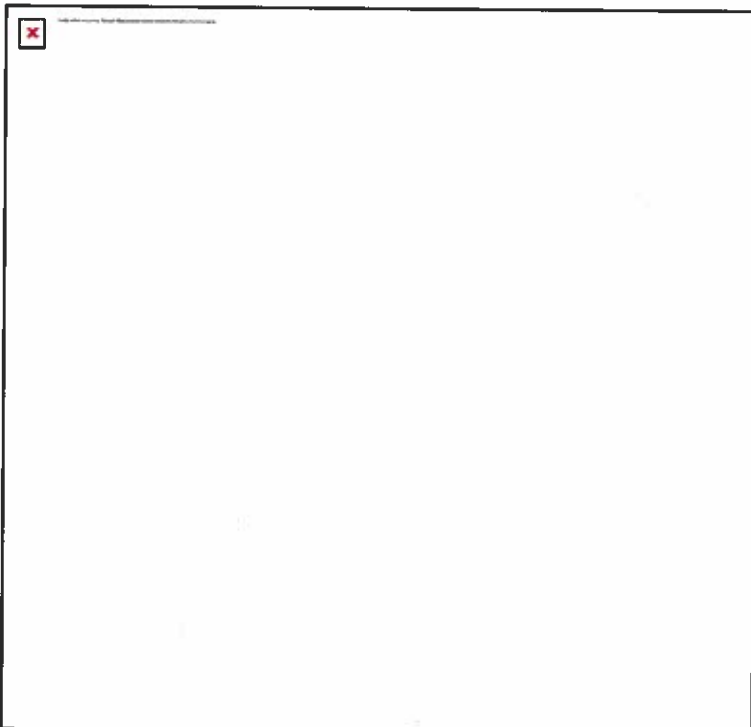
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<https://www.voanews.com/a/united-states-north-korea-nuclear-showdown/4017032.html>

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the end of DACA, the immigration program whose full title is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, on Tuesday. President Donald Trump's administration decided to rescind the program despite appeals from those affected. VOA's Ramon Taylor talked to DACA recipients who said they will fight for permission to stay in the U.S.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/dreams-vow-to-fight-to-keep-daca/4017023.html>

DACA Changes Explained

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One of China's biggest textile mills is planning its first North American factory in a small town in the southern U.S. state of Arkansas. VOA's Ping Zhang went to have a look at local expectations and the promise of new jobs.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/arkansas-welcomes-chinese-investment/4017027.html>

Russia's Defense Ministry released this video of a warship in the Mediterranean firing cruise missiles toward targets of the Islamic State group in the eastern Syrian province of Deir el-Zour. The ministry said the missiles were fired from a frigate Tuesday. Moscow is a main backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad and has fired such missiles in the past from the sea and mainland Russia.

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The [UN estimates that over 120,000 minority Rohingya refugees have crossed the border from Myanmar's northern Rakhine state into Bangladesh in the last two weeks.](#) (895,140 views; 99,002 Reactions, Comments&Shares)

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[South Korea's military conducted live-fire drills](#) as Seoul continued its displays of military capability following North Korea's latest nuclear test.

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Japanese artist Keisuke Teshima has mastered the ancient skill of calligraphy -- he can draw a dragon with one continuous brush stroke. Courtesy: [一筆龍絵師 手島啓輔](#)

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A devoted feathered friend joined national parks traveler Mikah Meyer - Travel Beyond Convention during his visit to Dinosaur National Monument. He followed Mikah and his tour group for miles around the park... on land and on water. They named him George.

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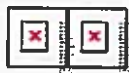
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The state of Idaho is famous for its potatoes. But as national parks traveler [Mikah Meyer - Travel Beyond Convention](#) recently discovered, it's also a haven for rock-climbers.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154907473153074/>

A large truck carrying pigs overturned after crashing and catching fire in Dallas, Texas.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154909437368074/>

Former U.S. President Barack Obama was greeted by President Joko Widodo at Indonesia's presidential palace in Bogor on Friday during his private holiday to the Southeast Asian country.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154909534948074/>

Meet your solar-powered robot gardener. Originally produced by VOA Russian.

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**Subject:** Some content for social 4/18/2017  
**Attachments:** How to upload 360 video to FB.docx

President Donald Trump is fast closing in on his first 100 days in office, and his public approval rating continues to hover around 40 percent, still a low mark for a new president. Trump's rating on foreign policy has improved slightly in the wake of recent U.S. military strikes in Syria and Afghanistan, but the president's domestic agenda seems stuck in neutral.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/trump-faces-foreign-and-domestic-challenges-amid-low-approval-rating/3814741.html>

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is crisscrossing the Middle East and the Horn of Africa at a time when the United States' is considering changes to its role in regional security. Among the countries he will visit: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Qatar and Djibouti.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/mattis-visits-middle-east-africa/3814777.html>

They have been driven from their homeland in Myanmar and into desperate conditions. Now, newly-arrived Rohingya in Bangladesh are facing a new threat - the disappearance of their children. Fears are growing about their fate in a district known for its human trafficking networks.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/bangladesk-rohingya-missing-children/3814764.html>

In the face of growing pressure on Raqqa, Islamic State's de facto capital, an increasing number of civilians are fleeing the city to reach safer zones. Local NGOs are proving crucial in providing them with temporary shelters and other humanitarian assistance.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3814872.html>

From VOARussian: New Orleans all around – panoramic (360) video of New Orleans. Take a glimpse of the annual French quarter parade, feel the atmosphere of the town center, ride a streetcar and listen to some live street jazz! Video: Mike Maisuradze (Please see the attached instructions on how to upload 360 video to FB)

<https://www.facebook.com/golosameriki/videos/10154330370407026/>

From VOARussian: NASA scientists are releasing new global maps of Earth at night, providing the clearest yet composite view of the patterns of human settlement across our planet.

<https://www.facebook.com/golosameriki/videos/10154336730622026/>

Researchers at [Worcester Polytechnic Institute](#) use spinach leaves to grow heart tissue. Originally produced by [VOA Indonesian](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154670301823074/>

In Indonesia, pious "punks" promote Islam. Originally produced by [VOA Indonesian](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154682125103074/>

At Big Thicket National Preserve in southeast Texas -- one of the first national preserves in the U.S. -- visitors can float through one of its many swamplands. National parks traveler [Mikah Meyer](#) took a leisurely boat ride through a swamp cypress tupelo forest, which he described as "mystical and magical." He captured some of that experience with his camera, to share with VOA.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154674452213074/>

20 million are at risk of starvation in world's largest crisis since 1945, according to United Nations. Animated infographic by Jinne Hassan (SCA)

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Here are the instructions on how to make 360 video show up as 360 video on your Facebook page:

1. Follow the same steps as you would add any other video to a Page
2. Before publishing your video, click the Advanced tab
3. Then click to check the box next to This video was recorded in 360° format to make the 360 Controls tab appear.
4. Click the 360 Controls tab to be able to set the initial camera orientation and field of view for your video
5. Click Publish



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On his first NATO summit as U.S. president, Donald Trump lectured NATO leaders for spending what he sees as insufficient money on defense, and said the group should be more focused on terrorism. The president's remarks came Thursday at a meeting of European leaders in Brussels, as VOA's Steve Herman reports.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3872097.html>

Explainer: Nuclear Sharing - No nukes? No problem. A NATO nuclear sharing program makes the weapons available to certain U.S. allies.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/explainer-nuclear-sharing/3867356.html>

Cities across the United States have erected memorials to the hometown heroes who fought and died in America's wars, from the American Revolution of 1776 to the ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and the Middle East. Washington, DC, is no exception. The capital city area is home to some of the best-known military monuments, as Faith Lapidus reports on this Memorial Day.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/memorial-day-military-monuments-special-meaning/3870473.html>

National parks traveler Mikah Meyer had plenty of fun among giant powdery dunes recently, as he celebrated a milestone. He's exactly one-third of the way through his 3-year journey to visit all 417 sites within the U.S. National Park Service.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/powdery-white-dunes-attract-fun-loving-parks-traveler/3871491.html>

In anticipation of recapturing Islamic State's de facto capital, Raqqa, U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces are ramping up training of troops.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/syrian-forces-accelerate-training-ahead-raqqa-offensive/3871433.html>

Loggers were put to the ultimate test at Timbersports championship in Germany.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154792802613074/>

Egyptian amputee sets record by swimming across the Gulf of Aqaba

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154789854373074/>

An Australian house cat is three times the size of a normal feline

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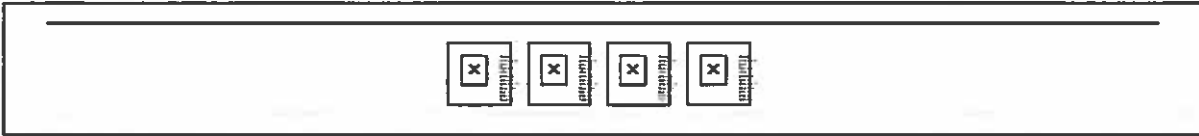
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U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself Thursday from any current or future investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Amid controversy surrounding two meetings Sessions had last year with Russia's ambassador to the U.S., President Donald Trump reiterated his confidence in the country's top law enforcement official, as Democratic lawmakers renewed calls for the attorney general's resignation. 59,600 views on VOA YT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VURVnOj6UXY>

The Pentagon has sent the White House a preliminary plan to defeat Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria. Some Pentagon officials have said it could lead to more U.S. military involvement in Syria and a continuation of the current strategy in Iraq. The U.S. air campaign against militants is expected to remain a key part of the strategy, and VOA Pentagon correspondent Carla Babb brings us a firsthand look aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier that recently returned to the Mediterranean Sea.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/firsthand-look-united-states-air-campaign-islamic-state/3747248.html>

Social video: <https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154535914658074>

China's state media is calling for sanctions and a boycott of South Korean goods after a Korean conglomerate approved a land swap deal at home that paves the way for the deployment of a controversial U.S. missile defense system. How China could go about punishing South Korea without hurting its own economy is already proving to be a difficult question, and as VOA's Bill Ide reports, not all agree that boycotts are a good solution.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/chinese-media-call-for-boycott-of-south-korean-goods/3746701.html>

In Los Angeles, illegal sidewalk sales are often an economic lifeline for undocumented immigrants, but being brought up on charges puts them at risk of deportation. VOA hits the streets of LA, where some vendors credit President Donald Trump for a new city plan to decriminalize street vending.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/los-angeles-street-vendors-eager-to-be-legal/3741973.html>

Iraqi forces battling Islamic State fighters opened an escape route March 2, 2017, for hundreds of residents from Mosul's Mamun neighborhood trapped in their homes for days amid fighting.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3747405.html>

On #Worldwildlifeday Watch this baby elephant plays in the ocean for the first time. There are no words to describe his joy. Here's the link to the video on VOA Portugues FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/voaportugues/videos/10154962285914000/>

From VOA Russian: Mesmerizing Cosmic Jellyfish - Over the weekend, researcher on NOAA's research vessel Okeanos Explorer captured video of a stunning jellyfish which they dubbed the "Cosmic Jellyfish" moving through the deep sea around American Samoa.

<https://www.facebook.com/golosameriki/videos/10154207736062026/>

A Japanese men's social club celebrating baldness held its annual competition.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154535930523074/>

Authorities rescued an Arizona man Tuesday from a flooded minivan stuck in swift waters.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154535922878074/>

The United States includes more than a dozen territories located in the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Follow National parks traveler Mikah Meyer - Travel Beyond Convention to get a little taste of island life.

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Republicans are under pressure to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act as they have been promising for seven years. On Monday, the House Republicans offered an alternative that has little support even within their own party. Conservative Republicans contend that the new plan still preserves too many parts of the so-called Obamacare, and moderates give it only tepid support. Zlatica Hoke reports two committees began debating the bill Wednesday.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3756575.html>

Many women and some men participated in rallies in cities across the U.S. Wednesday in what's been called "A Day Without a Woman." Some businesses allowed their employees to participate in this "strike" to show support for women. The motivations behind why some people participated are different. VOA's Elizabeth Lee explains.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/day-without-a-woman-rallies-united-states/3756633.html>

Lagos has long been known as Nigeria's pop culture hub. It's the home of Nigeria's film industry, Nollywood, as well as many of the country's top musicians and artists. But a group of rappers and fashion designers is creating a scene of their own in Kaduna, in northern Nigeria some 600 kilometers from Lagos. For VOA, Chika Oduah takes us inside Kaduna's growing hip hop scene.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/nigeria-kaduna-hip-hop-culture/3755719.html>

The Earth's atmosphere, and magnetic fields protect us from the damaging, and potentially deadly effects of gamma rays. But in space, and in some earthly disaster scenarios like a nuclear meltdown, it takes several feet of concrete or lead to keep us safe. But a new vest of flexible light material might solve the gamma ray problem as we try to figure out ways to set up shop on the Moon, Mars, and beyond. VOA's Kevin Enochs reports.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3754906.html>

Ever wonder what it's like to ride on a swamp buggy? Just hop on board with national parks traveler Mikah Meyer and his friends as they explore the swamplands at Old Cypress National Preserve in southern Florida.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3756641.html>

Ernestine Shepherd is the world's oldest competitive female body builder. VOA's Shahzad Khokhar caught up with her in Baltimore, Maryland. This is Ernestine's story, in her own words.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3755814.html>

Social video: Ernestine Shepherd is 80 years old and she is in better shape than most people. 266,000 views; 4,000 shares.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154553646893074/>

Special dance classes in Italy are helping parents and babies bond by keeping them attached to one another. 34,000 views.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154554937058074/>

Indian women demonstrate self-defense for #WomensDay.

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Poll Shows Europeans Want Muslim Migration Ban

<http://www.voanews.com/a/poll-show-european-want-muslim-migration-ban/3736848.html>

Islamic State (IS) fighters on Thursday fled the Mosul airport to nearby neighborhoods as U.S.-backed Iraqi forces began pounding their military positions.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/iraqi-forces-enter-major-islamic-state-controlled-strongholds-in-mosul/3736556.html>

In countries like Lebanon and Jordan, finding classrooms for hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugee children is no easy task. In response, the International Rescue Committee and Sesame Workshop — the nonprofit behind the children's program Sesame Street — have set out to bring education directly to them, and the two groups are semifinalists for a \$100-million grant that would help facilitate that effort.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/elmo-and-friends-lead-education-effort-for-refugee-children/3736364.html>

Xenophobic violence has returned to South Africa, with recent attacks on foreign-owned shops in the capital, Pretoria. But as VOA's Anita Powell learned when she visited the destroyed businesses, the roots of this anger are deep and complex, and the consequences of the violence affect more than just foreigners.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3736721.html>

When people think of Cape Canaveral, Florida, they usually associate it with America's space program. But as national parks traveler Mikah Meyer - Travel Beyond Convention recently discovered, there's also an abundance of wildlife and other natural wonders to explore and admire in the immediate vicinity.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154518152143074/>

Amazon's drones wants to deliver packages by parachute.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/videos/10154513394948074/>

A dog training facility in the Czech Republic is producing world-class canine cops ready for law enforcement duty.

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Many thanks,

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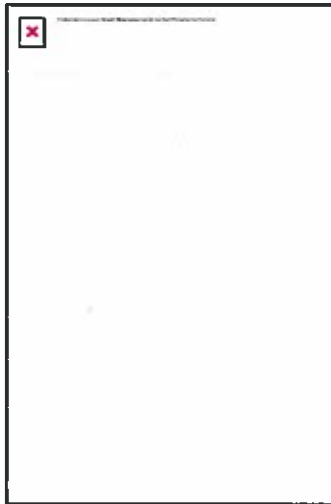
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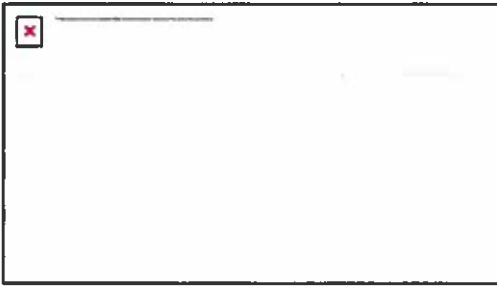
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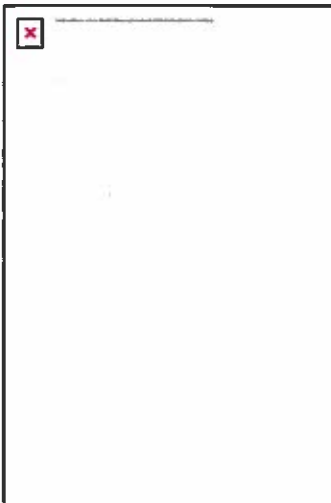
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A Look at 3 Federal Appeals Judges in Travel Ban Case - A three-judge panel on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is deciding whether to uphold a lower court's order barring the government from enforcing President Donald Trump's travel ban.

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Social posters of judges' bio attached. Clean version and script are in the folder

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<http://www.voanews.com/a/limits-presidential-power-key-question-travel-ban-challenge/3715032.html>

As the Iraqi operation to oust the Islamic State group from Mosul continues, a market in the city's recaptured eastern side has come back to life after the militants were pushed out. VOA's Kawa Omar reports.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/3715057.html>

Watch this new robot fly just like a bat.

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The college application process is complex and stressful for many students. Colleges not only look for students who do well academically, but also pursue passions and interests outside of school. A new app now allows students to present themselves to colleges in a creative and personal way. VOA's Helena Djordjevic has more on how the ZeeMee app gets students noticed.

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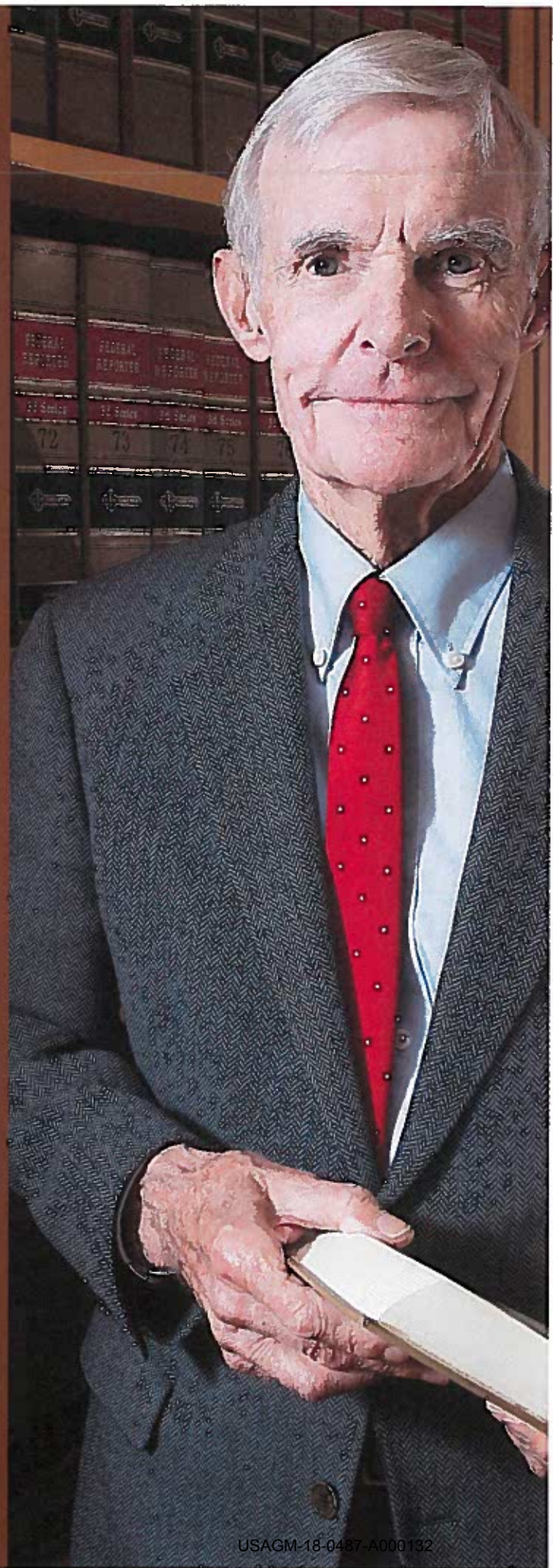
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a three-judge panel on  
the 9th U.S. Circuit  
Court of Appeals.**

**The 85-year-old was  
nominated by President  
Jimmy Carter in 1980  
and confirmed by the  
Senate the same year.**

**He is best known as an  
expert on Native  
American law.**





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Saludos,

María de los A.

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# EL MUNDO AL DÍA

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STORY NAME: US NATIONAL PARKS

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INTRO TEXT:

Además de Washington DC y los cincuenta estados que conforman este país, Estados Unidos también posee más de diez territorios en el Océano Pacífico y en el hermoso Mar Caribe.

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INTRO SLUG: La hermosura del Mar Caribe

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LIST NAMES / TIMES:

01:00 – 01:04

Mikah Meyer

Corresponsal de la Voz de América

TRT: 1:58

Outcue: Standard



# EL MUNDO AL DÍA

## Video Package Cut Sheet

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STORY NAME: EE.UU. VENTA DE ARMAS

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INTRO TEXT: **Legisladores demócratas reiteraron, este miércoles, en el Capitolio, su postura sobre la necesidad de que existan leyes más estrictas para controlar la posesión de armas. Por otro lado, aunque cuentan con el apoyo oficial republicano al más alto nivel, los comerciantes de armas de fuego no reportan un aumento en sus ventas.**

INTRO SLUG: **Venta de armas en la era Trump**

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LIST NAMES / TIMES:

**00:08-00:16**

**Donald Trump**

**Presidente de EE.UU.**

**00:24- 00:29**

**Tom Jenkins**

**Nova Firearms**

**00:35-00:39**

**Kris Brown**

## Brady Campaign

[[TRT= 1 : 38 ]]

[[OUTCUE:... Verónica Balderas Iglesias,

Voz de América,  
Washington.]]



# EL MUNDO AL DÍA

## Video Package Cut Sheet

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### STORY NAME:

Armónica respiración

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### INTRO:

Desde el principio de los tiempos, cada generación ha tratado de encontrar el secreto para mantenerse joven. Un hombre podría haber descubierto la clave, en algo que todos podemos hacer, no importa cuál sea nuestra edad. Su viaje musical nos enseña cómo puede ayudar a cualquiera con problemas respiratorios.

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Respira mejor con la armónica

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00:34 – 00:43

Frank Jamison

Intérprete de armónica

01:16 – 01:21

Cathy Middleton

Mejores Respiradores

[[TRT= 1:46 ]]

[[OUTCUE:... Henry Llanos, Voz de América]]

**EL MUNDO AL DÍA**  
Video Package Cut Sheet

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**STORY NAME:**  
**BORGES OEA**

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**INTRO TEXT:**

Mientras tanto, aquí en Washington en una reunión de emergencia, el presidente de la Asamblea Nacional de Venezuela, Julio Borges sostuvo un encuentro con el Secretario General de la OEA, Luis Almagro. El parlamentario pidió la ayuda hemisférica contra las decisiones del presidente Nicolás Maduro.

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**INTRO SLUG:**  
Pedido de ayuda

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00:22 – 00:40  
Julio Borges  
Presidente Asamblea de Venezuela

TRT: 01:48  
Outcue:... "Gonzalo Abarca, Voz de América, Washington"



EL MUNDO AL DÍA

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STORY: EE.UU. TRUMP NY REAX

INTRO: Donald Trump regresó a Nueva York, en medio de manifestaciones en su contra y un amplio dispositivo de seguridad.

SLUG: Trump regresa a Nueva York

00:15-00:28

Adela Gutiérrez

Inmigrante Hondureña

00:37-00:51

Calvin Hunt

Apoya a Trump

00:54-01:02

Celia Mendoza

Voz de América-Nueva York

@voanoticias.com

01:06-01:11

Martha Lozano

Turista española



01:30-01:3

Pablo Chobera

Turista argentino

TRT: 1:40

[[OUTCUE:"Celia Mendoza. VOA ."]]]

# EL MUNDO AL DÍA

## Video Package Cut Sheet

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STORY NAME:

Estratoplaneador

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INTRO:

A finales de este año, dos pilotos, en un avión velero, intentarán romper el récord mundial de altitud de un planeador, elevándose a más de 27 kilómetros sobre el nivel del mar. Pero su misión principal será explorar el fenómeno poco conocido llamado "olas de montaña".

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Planeador tratará de batir récord

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00:36 – 00:49

Ed Warnock

Presidente – Proyecto Perlan

01:04 – 01:14

Jim Payne

Piloto – Perlan 2

[[TRT= 1:32]]

[[OUTCUE:... Miguel Ángel Rivera, Voz de América]]

# EL MUNDO AL DÍA

## Video Package Cut Sheet

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**STORY NAME:** EE.UU. CONGRESO VENEZUELA

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**INTRO TEXT:** Se necesita de manera urgente aprobar la legislación bipartidista para ayudar al pueblo venezolano, así lo afirmó el senador demócrata Ben Cardin, en entrevista con la Voz de América. El proyecto de ley, presentado por él y el republicano Marco Rubio, además de proveer ayuda humanitaria, sancionaría a ciertos funcionarios del gobierno venezolano.

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**INTRO SLUG:** Cardin: "La situación en Venezuela es grave"

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**LIST NAMES / TIMES:** 01:41

00:19 - 00:30

Ben Cardin

(D) Senador de Maryland

00:42 - 00:51

Cristina Caicedo Smit

Voz de América Washington

[[TRT= 01:41]]

[[OUTCUE:...Cristina Caicedo Smit, Voz de América Washington.]]



EL MUNDO AL DÍA  
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STORY NAME: VENEZUELA PROTESTAS MUERTES

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INTRO TEXT: Estudiantes en Venezuela inician nuevas protestas, tras conocerse la muerte de un joven, que se suma a la cifra oficial de 31 fallecidos en relación con las manifestaciones que ya llevan casi un mes.

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LIST NAMES / TIMES: 01:47

Slug.

Venezuela: estudiantes definen estrategias de protesta

00:21-00:27

Alfredo García  
Dirigente estudiantil

00:43-00:53

Rafaela Requesens  
Dirigente estudiantil

00:53-01:03

Álvaro Algarra  
Voz de América- Caracas  
@VOANoticias

01:03-01:10

Nicolás Maduro  
Presidente de Venezuela

01:32-01:40

Diosdado Cabello  
Parlamentario oficialista

[[TRT= 01:47]]

[[OUTCUE: al pueblo, Alvaro Algarra, Voz de América, Caracas..]]

EL MUNDO AL DÍA  
Video Package Cut Sheet

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STORY NAME DEPARTAMENTO ESTADO CONSTITUYENTE

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INTRO Estados Unidos manifestó preocupación por la convocatoria de Asamblea constituyente en Venezuela. En entrevista con la Voz de América, la vocera del Departamento de Estado estadounidense insistió en la necesidad de celebrar elecciones en el país sudamericano, de manera transparente, para la solución de la crisis.

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INTRO SLUG: Preocupa constituyente en Venezuela

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LIST NAMES / TIMES:

00:10 - 00:31

Kate Caro

Vocera Departamento Estado

00:59 - 01:11

José Pernalete

[[TRT= 1:37]]

[[OUTCUE: ", Voz de America, MIAMI".]]

